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History of December 14

- ◆ **1921** : Annie Besant was awarded the degree of Doctor of Letters by Banaras Hindu University.
- ◆ **1997** : All countries of the world agreed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- ◆ **2007** : The controversial provisions were removed from the draft of the Bali Agreement.
- ◆ **2003** : The first anti-corruption agreement was signed by 73 countries in Merida, Mexico.

Current Affairs Related to 14 December

- ◆ A major change is set to take place at the top echelons of the force, with Vice Admiral Dinesh Tripathi taking over as Vice Chief of the Naval Staff on January 4. This change is an important sign. This is an important moment for the Navy, as Vice Admiral Tripathi takes over the responsibility of overseeing the modernization efforts of the force.
- ◆ UNICEF and India to launch Green Rising initiative at COP28 summit in Dubai. UNICEF's Generation Unlimited will launch this initiative in collaboration with India's Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change. This initiative will be launched to unite youth to advance climate action. The Green Rising India Alliance and the global Green Rising program are the result of a partnership between UNICEF, Generation Unlimited and a wide range of youth, public and business partners.
- ◆ India announced to provide an amount of \$1 million as relief assistance to Papua New Guinea. Ulawun is the highest mountain in New Britain and the second in the Bismarck Archipelago at 2334 metres, and is one of the most active volcanoes in Papua New Guinea. India, as a close friend and in solidarity with the people of Papua New Guinea, will provide immediate relief assistance to assist in rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts.
- ◆ Hanukkah Day is celebrated globally from December 7 to December 15. It commemorates the rededication of the Second Temple in Jerusalem around 200 BC. It is commonly known as the Jewish Christmas.
- ◆ Dr. Deepak Bharali, Mr. Sunil Shinde and Ms. Aanchal Agarwal from India won accolades at the 4th edition of AIGIF organized by the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation of Malaysia. The event celebrated grassroots students and student innovators from India and ASEAN member countries.
- ◆ To boost forest cover in the coal belt region of Chhattisgarh, South Eastern Coalfields Limited, a subsidiary of Coal India Limited, will plant trees using this method. Miyawaki method is being used for the first time in SECL operational areas. The company will use the popular Japanese technology to develop Miyawati forest in an area of ??two hectares in SECL's Gevra area as a pilot project. The company will undertake tree plantation using Miyawaki technology over a period of two years, with approximately 20,000 saplings being planted.
- ◆ A nationwide multimedia awareness campaign named Jaago Grahak Jaago is being run by the Department of Consumer Affairs. Under this campaign consumers are made aware of frauds or problems and redressal mechanisms. These campaigns are run through print media, TV, radio, cinema theatre, website, hoardings/display boards etc. The department has also launched a mascot, Jagriti, to empower consumers and create awareness about their rights.
- ◆ The resignations of Narendra Singh Tomar, Prahlad Singh Patel and Renuka Singh Saruta from the Union Council of Ministers have been accepted by President Draupadi Murmu with immediate effect. Union Minister Arjun Munda has been given the additional charge of the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, in addition to his existing portfolio of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs. Minister of State for Agriculture Shobha Karandlaje has been given the charge of Minister of State for Food Processing Industries, in addition to her existing portfolio.
- ◆ Argentina's Lionel Messi won Time magazine's 2023 Athlete of the Year award after winning his record eighth Ballon d'Or, reaffirming his place among the greatest footballers in history.
- ◆ Indian-origin novelist Meera Chand received Singapore's highest arts award.

National & International Current Affairs

1. When is National Energy Conservation Day celebrated every year?

- (A) 11th December (B) 14th December
(C) 17th December (D) 20th December

(B) National Energy Conservation Day is celebrated every year on 14 December in India. The Energy Conservation Act in India was enacted in 2001 by the Bureau of Energy Efficiency. The Bureau of Energy Efficiency is a statutory organization that serves the Government of India and helps in the improvement of policies and strategies to reduce energy consumption.



2. Which state's team will participate in the World Economic Forum in Davos recently?

- (A) Uttar Pradesh (B) Punjab
(C) Rajasthan (D) Gujarat

(A) A Uttar Pradesh government delegation will travel to Davos, Switzerland to attend the World Economic Forum meeting from January 15 to 19. It will brief the delegates about the efforts being made to create and develop Uttar Pradesh as a trillion dollar economy.



3. Which bank has recently partnered with Accenture for digital transformation?

- (A) Axis Bank
(B) AU Small Finance Bank
(C) Indian Overseas Bank
(D) Union Bank of India

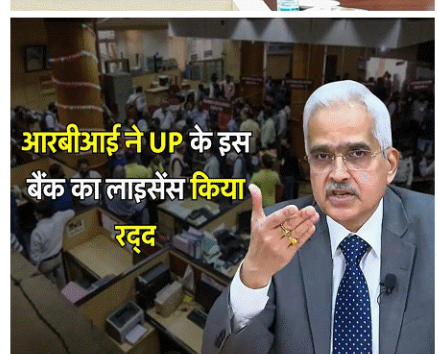
(D) Union Bank of India has joined hands with global professional services company Accenture. This collaboration is set to bring a transformational journey through advanced implementation. In a significant step towards digital advancement, Union Bank of India has tied up with Accenture, a global professional services company.



4. Recently the Reserve Bank of India has canceled the license of the Urban Co-operative Bank of which state?

- (A) Madhya Pradesh (B) Uttar Pradesh
(C) Rajasthan (D) Haryana

(B) Taking a big step, the Reserve Bank of India has canceled the license of the Urban Co-operative Bank in Sitapur, Uttar Pradesh, the main reason for which is said to be closure of banking activities. The central bank has expressed concerns about the financial health of the bank, leading to the decision to wind down its operations.



5. Recently Defense Ministry and TCIL have signed an agreement worth how many crores?

- (A) 588 crores (B) 622 crores
(C) 775 crores (D) 850 crores

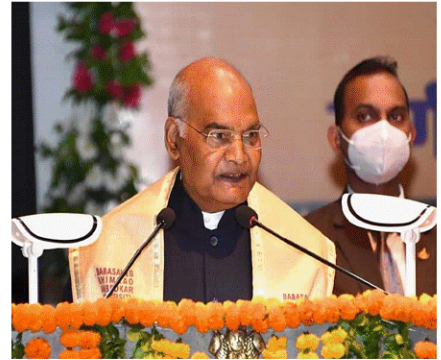
(A) Recently, the Defense Ministry has partnered with TCIL in an agreement worth Rs 588.68 crore for the Digital Coast Guard Project of the Indian Coast Guard. This initiative is an important step towards enhancing the technical capabilities of the Indian Coast Guard.



6. Who has recently released the book Samaveda of New India?

- (A) Ramnath Kovind (B) Amit Shah
(C) Narendra Modi (D) Nirmala Sitharaman

(A) Former President Ramnath Kovind released the book Samaveda of New India in New Delhi. This book is a compilation of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's speeches about the country's Constitution. Ramnath Kovind said that if every citizen of the country has adequate knowledge about the Constitution then everything will become easy.



7. Who has been given additional charge of Agriculture Ministry recently?

- (A) Rajeev Chandrashekhar
(B) Dharmendra Pradhan
(C) Arjun Munda
(D) Narendra Singh Tomar

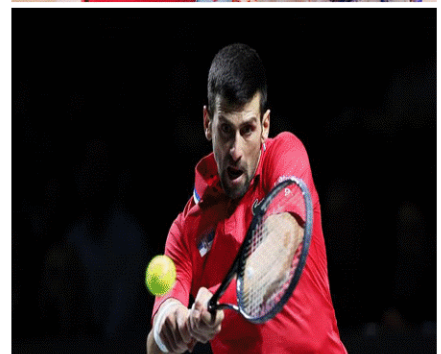
(C) Recently, Union Minister Arjun Munda was given additional responsibility of Agriculture Ministry. Arjun Munda has been given additional charge of Agriculture Ministry in place of Narendra Singh Tomar. Minister of State Shobha Karandlaje has been given the charge of Minister of State in the Ministry of Food Processing Industries, in addition to her existing portfolios.



8. Who has topped the recently released ATP rankings?

- (A) Roger Federer (B) Novak Djokovic
(C) Rafael Nadal (D) None of these

(B) Recently, Novak Djokovic achieved the year-end No. 1 spot in the ATP rankings for the eighth time, adding to the record he already holds. Djokovic has won three of the four Grand Slam tournaments. Leading the tour with seven titles, including the ATP Finals last month, he moved to 56.7 this season.



9. Whose wax statue has been installed in Jaipur Wax Museum recently?

- (A) B.R. Ambedkar
(B) Lata Mangeshkar
(C) Mahendra Singh Dhoni
(D) Sachin Tendulkar

(A) The wax statue of BR Ambedkar has been unveiled at the Jaipur Wax Museum, Nahargarh Fort. Jaipur Wax Museum In a significant tribute to Dr BR Ambedkar, the chief architect of the Indian Constitution, a wax statue has been unveiled at Nahargarh Fort.



10. Who has been recently appointed as the Chairman of Max Life Insurance?

- (A) Rajkumar (B) Prakash Mishra
(C) Rajeev Anand (D) Rashid Khan

(C) Recently, Max Life Insurance, a subsidiary of Max Financial Services, has appointed Rajiv Anand as the new Chairman. This happened after Analjit Singh stepped down from the chairmanship and membership of the board of directors of Max Life Insurance. Before this promotion, Anand, non-executive director of Max Life, was named as Chairman of Max Life Insurance by Axis Bank Limited.

